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**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

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X	US 1,135,465 A (POLLOCK) 13 APRIL 1915, PAGE 2, LINES 27-33.	1-20

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